

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
Executive Council

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Friends,

This Wednesday, the Council met with Governor Hassan and also considered the draft 10-year transportation plan, sharing feedback gathered at 25 field hearings around the state.

I advocated to keep the Hinsdale Bridge replacement in the plan (it had been previously removed); add a feasibility study for building an Exit 10 on the Spaulding Turnpike in southern Rochester; and including the Capitol Corridor rail project as a key strategic priority. We will review an updated draft reflecting these changes on 11/20.

In our standard meeting, the Council also approved projects (full details at end of email) and confirmed a number of key appointments (please note that Economic Development Director Nominee Karen Pollard has withdrawn her nomination):

**(1) Impacting Merrimack Co & Central NH:** Grants for the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, Concord Community Music School, League of NH Craftsmen; Mt. Kearsarge Indian museum in Warner; the Tucker Free Library in Henniker; the Franklin Police Department; and the Bhutanese Community to help support refugee job search efforts. Emergency shelter services for the homeless in Greater Concord; startup funds to Authorized a psychiatric receiving facility at Franklin Regional hospital; NH Senior Medicare Patrol Program; career and technical education programs at the Merrimack County Jail; construction of a new taxiway at Concord airport; replacement of various signs on I-93 from exits 17-23; and delayed a vote on studying I-93 expansion in Concord until the forthcoming 10-yr transportation plan is drafted later this month.

**(2) Impacting the Monadnock Region:** Grants for The Moving Company Dance Center in Keene, permanent housing for homeless individuals; expenditure of \$7.5 MM in FEMA disaster funds to help with damages from the July 2013 flooding; and replacement of the Rt10 bridge in Winchester.

**(3) Impacting Strafford & Belknap Co:** Grants for the Children's Museum in Dover, Child Care Resource & Referral services in Rochester; dock work on the Bellamy River; and delayed a vote on the design work on the General Sullivan Bridge in Dover until the forthcoming 10-yr transportation plan is drafted later this month.

**(4) Other projects & policies with statewide impact:** Delayed voting on a state loan guarantee for Sir Thomas Moore College in Merrimack; accepted federal funds for education & outreach on lead levels at NH daycares & preschools.

For full details on any of those items, see below.

Sincerely,

Colin  
Executive Councilor, District 2

FULL 11/6 AGENDA: <http://1.usa.gov/1aRqfwo> (or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

*FULL DETAILS:*

**1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH**

**#31 - Authorized** the Division of Arts to award Public Value Partnership Grants in the total amount of \$22,360 to Symphony NH, Nashua, in the amount of \$13,000; and to the Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord, in the amount of \$9,360, to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

**#45 - Authorized** to award a Conservation Number Plate Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Tucker Free Library, Henniker, for the preservation and reinstallation of seventeen original stained glass windows. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Other Funds.**

**#46 - Authorized** to grant a total of \$90,000 from the 2014 Regional Drug Task Force appropriation to the Claremont Police Department, in the amount of \$30,000; the Franklin Police Department, in the amount of \$30,000; and the NH Bureau of Liquor Enforcement, in the amount of \$30,000, to support drug task force program operations. Effective upon G&C approval though June 30, 2015. **100% State Funding.**

**#58 - Authorized** to enter into a **retroactive** contract with the Bhutanese Community of NH, Manchester, NH, to provide direct services to NH refugees in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Effective October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

**#67 Authorized** - to enter into a **retroactive** agreement with Merrimack Valley Assistance Program, Concord, NH, to provide emergency shelter services to homeless individuals, in an amount not to exceed \$126,424. Effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. **100% General Funds.**

**#71 Authorized** to enter into a **sole source** agreement with LRGHealthcare, Laconia, NH, to fund start-up costs for the Designated Receiving Facility that LRGH is opening at Franklin Regional Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$850,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. (2)Further Authorized to enter into an agreement with LRGHealthcare, Laconia, NH, whereby LRGH will repay the funding provided above in equal installments over fifteen years. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2029. **100% General Funds. Fiscal Committee approved.**

**#73 - Authorized** to enter into an agreement with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, building the capacity for the NH Senior Medicare Patrol Program by increasing the awareness and knowledge of Medicare beneficiaries so they become well-informed health care consumers, with a price limitation of \$54,400. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

**#99 - Authorized** Authorized to grant funds in accordance with the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to Merrimack County Department of Corrections, Boscawen, NH, to assist the operation of their approved career and technical education programs for offenders, in the amount of \$13,933 and Authorized unencumbered payment of said grant with internal accounting. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#126 - Authorized](#) the Bureau of Aeronautics to provide funding to the City of Concord, NH, for Phase I, to construct a new taxiway (Taxiway B) and associated stub taxiways at the Concord Municipal Airport, in the amount of \$1,104,964.50. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2017. **94.74% Federal, 5.26% General Funds.**

[#127 - Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Liddell Brothers Inc., Halifax, MA, for replacement of various signs of poor condition and retroreflectivity on Interstate 93 between exits 17 and 23, on the basis of a low bid of \$707,070.70. Effective upon G&C approval through September 5, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[TABLED](#) the Bureau of Highway Design to enter into an agreement with McFarland-Johnson Inc., Concord, NH, and Binghamton, NY, to prepare the second phase of the preliminary engineering design for the section of Interstate 93 passing through Bow and Concord from I-89 through I-393, in an amount not to exceed \$1,660,885.66. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

## **2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION**

[#32 Authorized](#) the Division of Arts to award Public Value Partnership Grants in the total amount of \$26,000 to The Moving Company Dance Center, Keene, in the amount of \$13,000; and to the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner, in the amount of \$13,000, to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#64 – Authorized -](#) Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** agreement with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH, to provide services to support permanent housing for homeless individuals, in an amount not to exceed \$111,337. Effective November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#104 - Authorized](#) the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to accept and expend Disaster Assistance funds in the amount of \$7,500,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the July 2013 Flooding, to reimburse local communities, state, and private non-profits. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved.**

[#128 - Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Beck & Bellucci Inc., Franklin, NH, for replacement of the bridge that carries NH Route 10 over the Ashuelot River and reconstructing NH Route 10 approaches in the Towns of Winchester and Swanzey, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$3,979,864.45. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$278,590.51 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through July 17, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

## **3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD & BELKNAP CO**

[#34 - Authorized -](#) Division of Arts to award Public Value Partnership Grants in the total amount of \$39,000 to the Children's Museum of NH, Dover, in the amount of \$13,000; the Concord Community

Music School, in the amount of \$13,000; and the League of NH Craftsmen, Concord, in the amount of \$13,000, to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% General Funds.**

[#56 - Authorized](#) to amend an existing agreement with Southern NH Services Inc., Manchester, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 5-15-13, item #40), to conduct Child Care Resource and Referral services in Berlin, Littleton, Conway, Rochester, Seacoast and Southern catchment areas by adjusting certain budget line items for the State Fiscal Year 2014 in order to meet specific needs. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#96 Authorized](#) Elizabeth and Gary M. Boukus' request to perform work on the Bellamy River in Dover.

[TABLED](#) Authorized the Bureau of Bridge Design to enter into an agreement with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc., for the In-depth Structural Inspection and Bridge Load Rating of the General Sullivan Bridge carrying pedestrian and recreational traffic over Little Bay between the city of Dover and the Town of Newington, for a total not to exceed \$819,724.54. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2016. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

#### **4. DETAIL: STATEWIDE PROJECTS & POLICIES**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Planning and Management to enter into a "move service" agreement on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services, the NH Joint Board, and the NH Real Estate Commission with McCollister's Transportation Group Inc., Poughkeepsie, NY, for the purpose of providing relocation services for the three agencies which are scheduled to move 6 existing locations into one new destination, the State of NH's "Anna Philbrook Building", Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$20,954.50. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2013.

[Authorized](#) to enter into a rental agreement with Carrier Commercial Service Inc., to provide a rental chiller to provide chilled water for the air conditioning for NH Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$47,900. Effective **retroactive** to September 9, 2013 through November 30, 2013. **66% General, 29% Federal, 5% Other Funds.**

#### **5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:**

(\* = District 2 Resident)

*Nominated for confirmation at next (11/20) meeting:*

**Deputy Commissioner of the Dept of Employment Security** - Richard J. Lavers, Concord\*

**Business Finance Authority** - F. Daniel Henderson, Hancock\*

**Poet Laureate** - Alice B. Fogel, Acworth\*

**Lottery Commission** - Debra M. Douglas, Bow

**Joint Promotional Program Screening Committee** - Timothy G. Sink, Concord\*

**Family Mediator Certification Board** - Karen J. Borgstrom, Lyme; Elizabeth A. Christensen, Belmont\*; Marianne L. Rousseau, Concord\*

**State Historical Records Advisory Board** - Rodney G. Obien, Canterbury\*, Anne T. Packard, Holderness  
**Major, NH Air National Guard** – Paul Marcus, Somersworth

**Board of Accountancy:** John J. Daigneault, Wolfeboro; Richard S. Silverman, Hampton

**State Committee on Aging** - Herbert E. Johnson, Mark M.E. Frank, Joan H. Schultze

**Agricultural Advisory Board** - Andrew Hartmann, Greenland  
**Air Resources Council** - Raymond R. Donald, Kingston  
**Judicial Council** - Philip H. Utter, Exeter  
**Juvenile Parole Board** - Yvonne M. Vissing, Chester  
**Lakes Management Advisory Committee**- Kimberly A. Hallquist, Andover  
**Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries** - Erik S. Anderson, Portsmouth  
**Board of Mental Health Practice** - Richard Phelps, Franconia  
**Retirement System Board of Trustees** - Hershel D. Sosnoff, Silver Lake  
**Rivers Management Advisory Committee** - Larry T. Spencer, Plymouth  
**Waste Management Council** - Philip H. Bilodeau, Duncan P. Watson  
**Advisory Council on Worker's Comp** - Marian Mitchell & Eileen Bernard

*Confirmed by the Council:*

**Lt. Colonel, NH National Guard:** Eric Hogancamp of Bradford and Sean Bennett of Concord\*  
**New England Board of Higher Education:** Michele D. Perkins, Henniker\*  
**Board of Engineering:** Masoud "Alex" Azodi, Newbury\*  
**Air Resources Council:**Kris Nils Blomback, Henniker\*, William H. Smagula, Bedford  
**Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee:** Rodney A. Bouchard, Alstead\*  
**Lt Colonel, NH National Guard:** Major Sean P. Bennett, Concord\*  
**Assessing Standards Board:** Eric G. Stohl, Colebrook  
**Aviation Users Advisory Board** Wallace L. Trolan, Nashua  
**Boxing and Wrestling Commission:** Rudolph E. Urban, Berlin  
**Lakes Management Advisory Committee:** Martha Twombly, Hebron  
**Rivers Management Advisory Committee:** Donald L. Ware, Merrimack  
**Advisory Council on Worker's Compensation:** Margaret M. Crouch, Bedford  
**Genetic Counselors Governing Board**  
Lisa Demers, Bedford  
Gary E. Kaufman, Amherst  
Jillian R. Ozmore, Litchfield  
Dorothy Solomon, Albany  
Jennifer L. Tansey, Merrimack

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